The Baronial Shaft

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The official newsletter of the Barony of al-Barran July 2012 (AS XLVII)

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From the Baron and Baroness

Warm greetings to all who come by these words-

We have to admit, warm greetings come naturally indeed these summer days! In order to maximize the cool of the day, summer fighter practice will start at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. Please prevent heat-induced illness by adequately hydrating, seek shade when available, and remember: wear sunscreen!

The camping event season is in full swing. Visit the Calendar of Events on the Baronial or Kingdom websites to plan your summer itinerary. Consider these tips to help stretch your "fun money":

Carpool with friends to fighter practice and events
Pre- register on line for events--often there is a discount for doing so.
Join a meal plan for an event or open your own for others to join
Plan the events you will attend well in advance so that you can budget and more easily set aside the estimated funds needed to enjoy yourself.
Crash space exchange - offer your pad when travelers come to al-Barran for an event, and they will likely reciprocate when you travel in their neck of the woods.

We're sure you can think of a dozen more great ideas. We'd love for you to share them with us!

June was full of activity all over the Known World; just in the Outlands alone, Stag's Bloodbath, held in Caerthe, was reported to be a grand time for those who attended, and Dragonsspine invited all to join them at Warlords, Defenders and Rangers, Oh My! The Citadel rocked the A&S world with their Arts and Sciences Collegium, and the Canton of Hawks Hollow held their third Pageantry in the Park. Not to be outdone here in al-Barran, Nock on Wood proved to be a resounding success, full of fun shoots, a very informative archery marshaling class, arrow display unequalled to date, and lots of smiling faces and delicious foods. We want to thank all who worked tirelessly to coordinate and facilitate this wonderful event, and a special thank you to Master Tore, who once again allowed the event to be held on his land.

In July we will be heading to the Battlemoor site for clean up the weekend of the 21st & 22nd. If you have not committed to attend the Academy of Grace and Valor that same weekend, we urge you to consider caravanning with us to Stroh Ranch where Battlemoor III will be held Labor Day weekend. There is still much to do to prepare for this glorious Kingdom event! Please remember that land allocation to each group will be dependent not only on pre-registration numbers, but also on site cleanup attendance.

Al-Barran Day of A&S, July 28th, swiftly approaches on silent wings. Waste not a moment preparing for this grand competition, and prove that the Arts and Sciences are alive and well in al-Barran! Don't forget the Scorpion in Any Medium competition! We are so looking forward to witnessing the extensive talents of our artisans and attending classes to learn new skills ourselves!

On the heels of our Baronial A&S event, the Citadel ushers in August with Clann War, swiftly followed by the Shire Defender held in the Shire of Rio de Las Animas. Before we can blink, Battlemoor III will be upon us. Make your summer plans NOW!

YOU are what makes al-Barran great. Thank you!

The Baronial Court

Baron
Otto der Schwarzherz

Baroness
Elisee de Calais

Baroness's Champion
Lord Tam McGrimm

Baronial Court Chamberlain
Lady Shazadi

Captain of the Guard
THL Kaz de Rhode
Lt. Lord Godfrey

Captain of the Condotierri
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

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Trygvve, Arturo, Lord Kendrick, Sigurth Kveld-Ulf, Lord Gwydion, Ld Chagatai

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Lady Solveig Hakonsdottir

Master Swordsman
Count Walrick de Blakeney

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THL Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton

Camp Coordinator
Lord Alysander Keyth

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Lord Gatlon de Sepatura of Fontaine dans Sable

Outlandish Blade
Sir Tam Grimm

Lady of May
THL Lady Somisawhel de Sousa

Lord of Outlandish
Sir Thomas Winterbourne

Cut and Thrust Champion
Lord Godric (Premier)

Flower of Chivalry
THL Beatrice De Craie

Rapier Flower of Chivalry
Lord Sorkhan Aratai

Bard of al-Barran
Lord Fynn of Blaiddwyn

Protector of the Baroness's Heart
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

Champion Archer
HE Estevan de Sepultura

Lord Commander
Earl Cameron Blackswan

Baronial Arts and Science Champion
Lady Wu

Baronial Household Steward
Lord Lucas

al-Barran Day of Arts &Sciences
July 28, 2012
Site opens: 9:00 AM ~ Site Closes: 5:00 PM
Site Fee: $5.00
Autocrat: FuRen (Lady) Wu Xi Lian
marina.colon@gmail.com ~ 505-301-2352
Please no calls after 9:00 pm

Ahalan, Ni Hao, Merhaba, and hello to YOU from the Barony of al-Barran! Please join our beloved Baron and Baroness on this joyous day celebrating the many talents of the many cultures and personas of the populace, as they vie for the title of al-Barran's Arts & Sciences Champion.

Classes on various subjects will take place throughout the day for anyone wishing to explore a new skill or hone a current one. A donation lunch will be provided to benefit the kingdom travel fund. A dessert competition will be held with the winner chosen by the populace. The adored competition for a scorpion in any medium will be awarded by the populace. Additionally, there will be tournaments for fighters who wish to claim victory as the Hardsuit and Rapier Defenders of Arts & Sciences.

Their majesties will be in attendance, so there will be circles for Laurels, Pelicans, and GoA on this day. A circle for Knights will be held the following morning at al-Barran's fighter practice park at 9am.

A scroll and heraldic display area will be set up -- so bring your favorite scroll you've received or created, OR a banner or unique display of your personal heraldry for all to see!

An activitiy area for families will be set up with origami, fan painting, and other crafts. Supervision will not be provided, and all children in this area must be accompanied by one of their parents at all times.

For more information and details on each competition and the schedule for the day, please visit the event website: http://al-barran.outlands.org/events/day_of_a&s/index.html

SILK BANNER PAINING CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

I will be hosting a two-day silk banner painting workshop on August 11-12. For the cost of materials, you can come with heraldry and leave with a silk banner just in time for Battlemoor!

The workshop will take place in the cafeteria at Sandia Prep in Albuquerque, starting at 10am both Saturday and Sunday. The tentative cost will be $30 for supplies (it may change depending on the number of people and the end cost of the site) and banner frames may be available for purchase, as well.

In order to get supplies in time, I will cut off registration on Friday, July 20. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please message me privately at megatrope @ yahoo.com.

If you know of anyone outside of al-Barran who might be interested, please feel free to cross post.

Thanks!
Countess Cecilia Mowebray, OL

Grand Outlandish 39
THANK YOU'S

Greetings!

Grand Outlandish would not have been possible without the help of many fine people. They are worthy of your thanks you's. Here is a list of some of those fine folks:

Don Govanen	THLady Bevin	Lord Garreth	Lady Jorhildr
Lady Rowan	Lord Druid	Don OEngus	Lord Lucas
Lady Ursula	Sir Li	Lord Rab	Lord Cornelius
Mistress Kathryn	Lord Rinieri	Lord Sorkhan	Sir Tore
Lord Marcus	Lord Rognvaldr	Sir Gregor	Lady Hrefna
Lady Miesa	THLady Bronwen	Auden	Lady Natal'ia
Lord Einarr	Lord Bjorn		

Thanks to the households of Wanderlust for creating a wonderful lighted path for the Saturday night party and Haven Avare who helped keep my sanity and my coolers in ice.

Take the time and volunteer for an event. Yes, there is usually hard work, but you learn so much and meet some great people.

Sir Dennis the Wright
Autocrat – Grand Outlandish

Grand Outlandish 39
Lost and Found

Greetings!
We had a great time at Grand Outlandish. As is usual with an event, there are items that lost their owners. If you lost something at Grand Outlandish, please take a moment to check the list below:

Baseball Cap, Air Force	Silver tankard, 6" tall
Small hammer, pink handle	Sunglasses, Ironman
Gold ring, beaded band	Tan coif
Red and black scarf, peacock design	Black sunglasses
Reading glasses, wire frame	Twine necklace, purple stone
Tan pouch, marbles	Natural fiber sun hat, large

Folding chair, tan with cloth covered seat and back.

Please contact me via email to set a time to retrieve your lost item.
We are looking for a yellow handled mallet, so please let me know if you have found it.
Also, if you found any items from Grand Outlandish, please let me know so that I can help find their owners.
Sir Dennis the Wright, Autocrat
sirdenniswright@comcast.net

Calendar of Events
Please visit www.outlands.org or see the Outlandish Herald for more information.
Websites
Society: http:// sca.org Kingdom: http:// www.outlands.org
Baronial: http:// al-barran.outlands.org
College of Blaiddwyn: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html
Discussion Lists
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alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com
alBarran_Youth_and_Parents@yahoogroups.com

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From the Webminister

Corrections 0
Need the updates for Grand Outlandish.
Need updates for the office change overs.
Built the Day of A&S website.
Starting the mid-winter website.

Garreth Silverthane
al-Barran Webminister

From the A & S Minister……..

Greetings unto our ever-artistic populace!

I would like to state first, with great pleasure-- The arts are NOT dead in al-Barran! Huzzah! Next, I am incredibly proud of the artists and scientists of our fair barony and beyond, fine folks who came forward in droves to teach classes (36 of them!) at Grand Outlandish, or to be taught (what fun is it to teach without receptive students?) Folks who entered siege A&S and created marvelously creative works of art, or who boldly vied for Baroness' favor. Not to mention the unsung heroes of A&S-- the folks who go garbed in their own creations, thus helping create the ambiance we seek, or who selflessly garb others, or who teach their craft to any passerby who shows interest. You are the fibers that weave us together, for without the arts and sciences we are nothing.

And now-- al-Barran Day of A&S is coming, folks. July 28th at Sandia Prep. There will be classes and competitions, a donation lunch, heavy and light tourneys, family activities, and friends with which to share all of this fun. The king and queen will be in attendance, as well! So, whether you intend to teach a class or learn from one, battle your friends on the field of honor, enter the desert competition, craft a scorpion in any medium, or try for A&S Champion of al-Barran, you're sure to have an enjoyable and memorable day. Ladies and gentlemen, start your art projects! I'll see YOU at al-Barran's Day of A&S!

YIS,
Cuileann Jorhild Hrafnskald (Lady Quillon,) Arts and Sciences Minister of al-Barran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fighter Practice (9:00 am) Montgomery Park	2 Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym	3 *Newcomers Meeting*	4	5	6	7 Archery Practice
8 Fighter Practice (9:00 am) Montgomery Park	9 Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym	10	11 Scribes Workshop	12	13	14 Archery Practice
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Grand Outlandish 39 Court Report

Friday May 25th, 2012
Roving Court

Walrick de Blakeney	Scorpion of al-Barran
Cornelius FitzReynald	Silver Dagger
Kieth Mitchell	Desert Fawn
Backscrolls:	
Sir Eldr Fredericksson	Stag
Lord Quentin d'Acre	AOA
Mistress Slaine inghean Ui Sheanain	Queen's Cypher (Gilliana) (May 12th,2012)

Evening Court
Victors of the tournaments :
Lord Of Outlandish – Sir Thomas Winterbourne de Kent
Lady of May – THLady Somisawhel de Sousa
Outlandish Blade – Sir Tam Grimm
Archer of Outlandish – HE Estevan de Sepultura
Lord Rowland invited one and all to the Fall Melee & SCA Village at the Santa Fe Ren Fair September 21st – 23rd, 2012

Saturday May 26th, 2012
Morning and Roving Courts
Challenge – Caerthe has laid done a challenge that they are the only ones to wear Black and Gold. Her Excellency has asked that all heavy and light fighters, archers, and artisans to answer the challenge and show them all who has the right to the black and gold.

Sir Ælric Kyrri	Silver Dagger

Evening Court

Lady Jorhildr Hrafnskald Cuileann	Hammer
Lord Russell of Nahrun	AOA
Lord Karl the Craftman	AOA
Lord Lief Inarssen	AOA
Lord Kristov Karlsson	AOA
Lady Pipa de Blakemere	Scorpion of al-Barran
Lord Bardolf Gundwaldtsson	Scorpion's Sting
Lord Charles d'Amor	Scorpion of al-Barran
Baroness Bianca della Vittoria	Russian Thistle
Back Scrolls	
Bubba of Wolfhou	Antares Kano
Elwynne Liers	Antares Kano
Lord Lazar Petrovic	Scorpion of al-Barran
Lady Dubhchobhlaigh inghean uí Dhiarmada	Russian Thistle
Lord Bardolf Gundwaldtsson	Stag's Heart
Lady Síle inghean Duibh Darach	Heart of the Scorpion
Lady Catherine Shadowcraft	Scorpion of al-Barran
Lady Ali Baba	Stag's Heart
Lord Jess of Darbuka	Stag's Heart
THLord Michael Ragnar	Iron Hart

Sunday May 27th, 2012
Morning and Roving Court

Lady Arbella Eden	Russian Thistle

Lord Marcus of al-Barran	Heart of the Scorpion
Lord Renieri Divettino	Scorpion of al-Barran
Don Michael McQuilline	Dagger
Backscrolls	
Lord Flynt Fitsgibbon	Espada de Oro

Evening Closing Court

Lord Sorkhan Aratai	Espada de Oro
Lady Natal'ia Georgievicha	Scorpion of al-Barran

Lady Quillon and THLady Ceridwen invited one and all to al-Barran's Day of A & S July 28th 2012.

Tokens of thank you from Their Excellencies to the following:

Edric
Sir Dennis Wright
Lady Ursula
Master Don Govanen
THLady Bevin
Lord Garreth
Lady Natalia
Lord Marcus
Lord Bjorn
Inarr
Count Walrick
Lady Quillon
Duchess Katherine
Master Tore
Lord Rognvaldr
Lady Rowan
Francisco (newcomer)
Josh (newcomer)
Evie (newcomer)

In Service
Bronwen Keyth of Blackwell
Scorpion Pursuviant

A CHALLENGE FROM SCORPION PURSUVIANT

Challenge from the Scorpion Pursuviant's office involving TE Don Otto and Her Ladyship Elisee

The best Baron and Baroness in the Known World contest. Everyone has heard those commercials featuring the most interesting man in the world. Well the herald's office is looking for some of those sayings with an al-Barran's twist. Use your imagination, your creativity, and your PG thinking to come up with some sayings that fit TE Otto and Elisee. There will be a prize given for the most original saying, and all/or some of them will be used as al-Barran's Champion event Oct. 5th – 7th, 2012. Entries must be turned in by September 25th, 2012 to Bronwen at bronwenkeyth@gmail.com.

Include your SCA and Mundane name with your entry. The saying can be for either one or both

Chronicler's Report June 2012

Please remember that all the old Baronial Emails must now include .outlands.org at the end of the address or it literally just disappears!

While so many of you liked the cover art on the last Shaft, we can't make pie jousting an actual event. The horses and fighters would eat all the weapons before the jousts could begin…

Yes, for those dozens that noticed that Nock on Wood is spelled Knock on Wood in the calendar…this was intentional. Remember that some things are misspelled for a reason! I hope all those that noticed show up at the event, it would be SPECTACULAR!!!

Many of you are correct in stating there is no way a medieval Perry Mason would work for a paltry 50,000 lira per year! And no, there was no such thing as an Instructor of the illogical! Nor, was there an Instructor of the "uncivil law". HA! No one mentioned that one!

I only printed what Countess Cecila Mowebrayk OL sent in. I let her know there are those who want to know what happens to the Young Squirrel…

Please remember that submissions must be sent in by the 20th. When Y'all send them in on the last day of the month, or even worse the first day of the month, it is very hard to include!

Lord Rosalio de Vizcaya
Chronicler

This Month's Bardic Submission

Exalt'd Sol returns to Boreas' realm
As the arboreal buds burst forth to bloom.
River swells make steersmen strain at the helm
As melting snow casts off the winter's gloom.
Fair maids open homes and take up their brooms
To cast out dust and dirt and webs and grime.
So their lords can return to proper rooms
And proclaim their truest love for all time.
In many a church tower, bells do chime
Calling the faithful to virtuous prayer.
While in the fields, farmers tend to their vines
And young maidens tie ribbons in their hair.
Persephone has returned to the land.
Demeter's blessings are again at hand.

THL Geoffrey fitz Robert

Monthly Activities

Citizens Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center located at 501 Elizabeth St. SE, Albuquerque, NM. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. For information email seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org

Fighter Practice: Sunday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at Montgomery Park located on Comanche near San Mateo. For heavy weapon fighting information, contact Viscount Sir Li at: knightmarchal@al-Barran.outlands.org. For rapier fighting information, contact Lord Sorkhan at rapier@al-Barran.outlands.org.

Archery Practice:
Location: Every Saturday Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Occurrence: During the colder months (roughly December through April) it's at Sir Stefan's Winter Wander Range. During the warmer months (May through November) it's at Master Tore's.
Discription: This Weekly practice to sharpen your skills for the range and the field.
Directions: Directions to the Summer Mountain Range: Take I-40 to Tijeres, stay in the middle lane and continue straight after the stop light, (Highway 337) continue to mile marker 20 you will see a sign for the town of Yissiry. Turn right at the second Woodpecker Circle turnoff and it's the first house on the left.
Contact: Archery Captain THL Druid at archery@al-Barran.outlands.org for additional information

Scribal Workshop: The Scribes meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. The workshop is held at various places around the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ymanya.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Lady Pipa, her info is on the inside front cover of this publication

The College of Blaiddwyn's Populace Meeting: Held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. Contact Illute at Blaiddwyn@al-Barran.outlands.org for more information.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Fighter Practice: Heavy and Rapier fighter practice are held on Wednesday (during daylight savings time months while school is in session) starting at 7:00 pm at Johnson Field on UNM campus. Please contact the officers of Blaiddwyn at sca@unm.edu.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Dance Practices: Court Dance and Middle Eastern Dance practices at Blaiddwyn will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings in the SUB between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

The College of Blaiddwyn's A & S Night: First and third Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 pm in the 3rd floor of the SUB. Contact the College at sca@unm.edu.

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